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1. Miskolc is at present the largest garrison station in Hungary.
2. In the building of the former corps command is stationed the headquarters of a rifle division, whose formations are located in Miskolc, Satoraljaújhely, Szerencs and the neighborhood of the last. A Soviet officers' commission is attached to the division.
3. In the fall of 1952 construction was begun on two four-story buildings at the corner of Csabai-kapu Street and Művész Street. The two buildings have a front of 80 m. They are now occupied by the headquarters of an artillery brigade.
4. The former Rudolf Infantry Barracks on Zsolocsi-kapu Street is occupied by the staff and two battalions of an armored regiment, but the regimental troops are elsewhere, and the total number of men in the barracks is now 800 at most. At the beginning of October 1953 there were more than 1,000, but a number of reservists and one yearly class have been discharged. Normal armored training is conducted. The service is not particularly hard and the political training is brief. The soldiers have adequate free time and seem contented. Food is adequate. One battalion is equipped with sixteen 76.2 mm SP guns, the other with 26 Stalin III tanks. The auto park consists of 4 passenger cars, 5 jeeps, 32 motorcycles with sidecars, 24 trucks, 2 radio cars, 4 tank trucks and 2 shop cars.
5. The military hospital used to be in Huszár gasse near the Tancsics Mihály Barracks. The buildings have been reconstructed and several new ones added.

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The barracks complex now consists of: two three-story quarters, 25 by 45 m; a two-story command building, 12 by 15 m; a two-story building, 15 by 30 m, the former hospital, a two-story L-shaped building, 25 by 30 m, also a former hospital, now a quarters; and various depot buildings. The whole is surrounded by a high brick wall. The complex is occupied by the headquarters of an armored regiment and one of its battalions with twenty-nine T-34/85 tanks. The men wear blue shoulder boards and insignia.

6. The armored barracks on Somogyi-Béla Street is the one formerly known as the Szepeassy Barracks. It is occupied by an armored reconnaissance battalion, of 570 or 580 men. The men wear blue insignia. During the summer of 1953 no reservists were called in. Almost all the men have machine pistols and there are few rifles. The service is not hard. The unit is fully motorized. It has 14 Stalinec armored cars with square corners, 14 Stalin tanks, four 57 mm AT guns and twelve 82 mm mortars.
7. The artillery barracks on Baross gasse consists of six four-story buildings, 20 by 50 m, a guardhouse, 5 by 5 m; a one-story depot building and storehouse for clothing; and two gun garages, 15 by 40 m. It is occupied by a field artillery regiment and all three of its sections. The men wear red shoulder boards and insignia. Total strength 860 to 900 men, to which many reservists were added during the fall maneuvers of 1953. The 1st and 2nd Sections have together eighteen 122 mm howitzers, the 3rd Section twelve 152 mm guns. The regiment is a comparatively new unit, with many modern prime movers and trucks.
8. At the same barracks is an AT battalion of 340 to 350 men. They wear red shoulder boards and insignia. Many reservists joined the formation for a three months course in 1953. The unit has three batteries, with altogether twelve 76.2 AT guns. Soviet military films showing the operations of Soviet artillery are frequently shown.
9. Behind this barracks is a big repair shop for artillery and armor which is constantly very busy. In the repair shop there is also a training course for armorers.
10. At the northern edge of the town is the AAA Barracks, south of the Maszovlet Airfield, between the road and railroad that go to Sajószentpéter. Down to the fall of 1953 an AAA regiment was in this barracks. It is now occupied by a mortar regiment, with two battalions. The 1st Battalion has two companies, each with four 120 mm mortars. The 2nd Battalion has two companies, each with four 150 or 160 mm mortars, with heavy base-plates. Service in this regiment is easy and the men have much free time. The regiment is fully motorized with at least 20 trucks.
11. At the same barracks is a rocket-projector section, armed with nine Stalin organs. It is not under the mortar regiment. There are 420 to 440 men. None were discharged last fall. This formation also is fully motorized.
12. The Ténecsics Mihály Infantry Barracks is near the Gómöri railroad station on Ruzsár gasse. It is now occupied by a motorized rifle regiment with the regimental troops and two of its battalions. There are about 800 men, wearing green shoulder boards and insignia. Heavy weapons attached to the regiment are: four 76.2 mm accompanying guns; four 76.2 mm AT guns; six 57 mm AT guns; six heavy machine guns; fourteen 82 mm mortars; twenty-two 57 mm mortars. The regimental auto park included seventeen 3-ton trucks, 18 other trucks and four passenger cars.

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13. The same barracks holds an independent train company, with 8 tank trucks, 24 trucks, two passenger cars and fourteen 3-ton trucks with trailers.
14. Near the armored barracks on Huszár gasse is a major food depot, consisting of two one-story buildings 15 by 50 m; one one-story building 20 by 50 m; one L-shaped building, 30 by 50 m, holding offices and magazines.
15. The former Ilona Barracks is on Szeles gasse. It now holds an AVH district command and an AVH security battalion of 440 to 460 men. The men are equipped with machine pistols, rubber blackjacks and gas bombs. It has six armored cars. It often marches through the industrial district. In addition to the armored cars it has 12 cross-country troop carriers, 16 motorcycles with side cars, 7 passenger cars, 8 passenger cars with civilian numbers, 5 cross-country vehicles.
16. At the former gendarmerie barracks are a training company of the AVH, the Hungarian city command and a reinforcement command. Part of the barracks is occupied by civilian offices.

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